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The following documents relating to this application are enclosed.

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page); and
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 6, 2005, Applicants elect the following species: the species of plate 6 (with articulating tines); the species of tensioning device 1; and the species of articulating tines 1. Applicants elect only the combination of the basic kit invention. The claims reading on this election include claims 1-14, 26-30, 33, 34, 36-38, and 40. This election is made without traverse.

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